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Police round up a group of youths skating and biking without helmets to give out tickets at the Halifax Common skate park Saturday afternoon.

Shorter sessions, speedier solutions?

Councillor to propose Tuesday meetings be held over two days

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

City council sessions are becoming far too long and painful, says downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane.

"I don't know any person that can make good decisions after sitting in a chair for 16 hours," she said yesterday. "We don't even let bus drivers do that."

At tomorrow's session, she'll propose that the chief administrative officer have the ability to schedule council sessions over a two-day period.

She said too much is crammed into the weekly Tuesday council sessions, leading to hasty decision-making and a backlog of work.

"We have so much stuff that has to get done before we go on vacation," she said.

And still there are a number of tenders to award and development projects to get through, she said.

But Eastern Shore Coun. Steve Stretch said he's against the idea of spreading council over two days.

For at least a decade, he said, regional council has taken place Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. and that's the way it should remain.

He said if councillors could focus on "tightening up" and moving through topics more quickly, there would be lots of time for the agenda.

Issues such as the cat bylaw and taxi deregulation have seen city council debates lasting late into the night and spread over numerous sessions in the past year.

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Boarders, beware

Skaters banned from Common, ticketed in helmet crackdown

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax

Aside from getting a \$130 fine and getting your board taken, not wearing a helmet at the Halifax Common skate park can get you banned for six months.

Halifax Regional Police are cracking down on helmet use at the park. Officers have been handing out fines daily and on Saturday seven officers at once closed in to give out fines and confiscate boards.

Some bikers and skateboarders are told they can't come back to the entire Common for six months

« We're not going to allow them to be in the park if they're refusing to wear a helmet. The helmet law is the law for a reason. If they refuse to follow the law then we're going to bar them from the park. That's our approach. »

Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr

under the Protection of Property Act.

"It's really stupid. They don't want us skateboarding downtown or anything. But if we can't skateboard in the skate park ... we're obviously going to go skateboarding in the streets," said skateboarder Dylan Landry, 14.

Biker Nick Pelfrey, 18, was at the skate park yesterday even though he was told he'd been banned the week before.

"He just said I'm banned. He didn't give me anything written or

anything. He just took my name down and gave me a (\$135) ticket," said Pelfrey, who plans to fight his ticket because he says he wasn't given fair warning.

"I still come here. If (the officer) comes back, I'll just bike away."

Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said police have been banning riders who refuse to start wearing helmets after being ticketed.

"We're not going to allow them to be in the park if they're refusing to wear a helmet. The helmet law is the law for a reason," said Carr.

"If they refuse to follow the law then we're going to bar them from the park. That's our approach."

The Protection of Property Act does allow for people to be banned from public property for a maximum of six months if they break posted rules. However, the act gives that power to the court, not police. If the someone is caught breaking the ban they can be charged up to \$500.

Despite the consequences, several skaters and bikers told Metro Halifax over the weekend they will not start wearing helmets.

At least 15 tickets were given out on Thursday and Friday alone, but several people told Metro Halifax they either plan to fight their tickets or flat-out not pay them.

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province

Democracy 250 gets \$8M in funds

MACKAY Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency Minister Peter MacKay handed nearly \$8 million to Democracy 250 yesterday.

The group is led by former Nova Scotia premiers John Hamm and Russell MacLellan.

It is marking the 250th anniversary of representative government in the province.

The provincial government has contributed more than \$2.6 million in funding and services to Democracy 250 since the organization was created in the spring of 2007.

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Woman charged with talking on cell at time of collision

Driver faces new law after allegedly hitting 3 kids, adult

Two new laws were put to use late last week as a woman who allegedly hit four people with her car was charged with driving while talking on a cellphone Friday.

On Thursday a man spent a night in jail for squeegeeing.

A 40-year-old Halifax woman is accused of hitting a group of children on a field trip — two 12-year-olds and

an 11-year-old — and a parent with her car at the intersection of Hollis and George Streets.

No one was seriously hurt.

Among the woman's various charges was one for talking on a handheld cellphone while driving — a new offence.

On Thursday Michael Weagle, 27, was arrested and spent the night in jail for trying to wash windshields at the Willow Tree intersection, the Chronicle Herald reported.

METRO HALIFAX



JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Young dancers from the Maritime Centre for African Dance perform for the crowd at the Nova Scotia Multicultural Festival yesterday afternoon.

Multicultural fest serves up a feast

Worldly foods among event's top attractions

By JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro Halifax

There's a reason the food tent is the first right after getting in the gates of the Nova Scotia Multicultural Festival in Dartmouth.

Sure there's dancing and shopping to check out, but many festival-goers head straight for the food.

Dozens of booths offer a world of choice — literally.

"We tried some shish kebabs from the Filipino Association. They're good every year," said Candance Martin.

Her friend Cynthia Bernasky had a plateful of Polish pyrogies, which she stopped for first.

But there was more than

food roasting in the tent. With 20-plus degrees Celsius of sunshine outside plus all the heating plates inside, not a few people were looking for cool drinks.

"We're making Scandinavian waffles and we're standing over a hot iron all the time and cooking them so fast as people are waiting in line to eat them," said Birgit Ballantyne with the Scandinavian Society of Nova Scotia.

They just made waffles this year because of a health regulation crackdown, she said. They had to remove a raw salmon dish served with sauces because of health codes.

At midday yesterday, the longest lines inside the tent were for ice cream and lemonade, but the Vietnamese Association was giving them a run for their money.

"We're in line purely be-

other offerings

» Other tents offered ethnic items for sale, and a children's tent had a mari-onettes show — in French no less — as well as dancing and even yoga. And, of course there was the ever-popular beer tent.

» Chinese, African, and Lebanese dancers and musicians — to name a few — took to the stage to entertain the hundreds of people enjoying the sunshine.

cause the food looks amazing," said Heather Clem of the beef kebabs, spring rolls and mango shakes for sale.

In order to maximize tasting opportunities, Clem attended the festival over two days. She said her other favourite was the German pastries, which sold out.

"They were amazing too," she said.

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» **ASSAULT** A 15-year-old boy was knocked out at the skate park in the Halifax Common on Saturday. Police were called and found the boy unconscious at around 9:30 p.m. He was taken to the IWK with non-life threatening injuries. Police say three suspects, who knew the victim, took off in a vehicle after the assault.

» **STING** Young and old were arrested for soliciting prostitutes after a police sting last week. Thirteen men between the ages of 18 to 78 were arrested for propositioning an undercover police officer. The cop worked known strolling areas in Halifax and Dartmouth. Ten of the Johns are from the metro area and the others are from

Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Ontario. Along with announcing the results of their latest sting operation, police had this warning for Johns: "Communicating for the purpose of prostitution is a criminal offence, and street level prostitution is obviously of particular concern to those who live in affected communities." METRO HALIFAX

Community members are invited to a talk about the future of Point Pleasant Park at the Halifax Grammar School Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m. The city will invite public input on the forts, forests and shorelines of HRM's most popular seaside park.

METRO HALIFAX



CFB Halifax opens doors

Civilians get rare glimpse at gadgets, vehicles

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

A bomb-defusing robot was the main attraction at CFB Halifax's open house yesterday.

"It is a lot of fun; it's a big hit," said Spr. James Downey.

The Gagetown Canadian Forces member worked in a tent beside the Rainbow Gate, where one of his colleagues operated the Vanguard MK-2D, an explosive disposal ordnance robot.

Behind him, kids learned how to use mine detectors to find metal trinkets in a large, army-style sandbox.

Dozens of civilians wandered around the naval base in the sweltering sun, taking rides in Zodiacs, looking through a Sea King helicopter and enjoying a barbecue.

Lieut. Bruce Day said it was the second year in a row the base was opened to the public and the motivation behind the event was simply to invite the community in.

"The public never gets a chance to come through the doors here," he said.

Last year the event saw more than 7,000 visitors,



Isaac Keliher, 2, of Halifax, gets to know the military's explosive disposal ordnance robot yesterday at the Canadian Forces Base Halifax open house.

and Day said they were expecting even more this year, with an additional location at Alderney Landing.

He said the many members of the Canadian Forces who volunteered for the open house had a fun time doing so.

"It's certainly not what they do normally, so it's out



open house

» The base was open to Canadian Forces members and their families Friday and Saturday, and open to the public yesterday.

of the box for them," he said. "But it's a chance for them to be proud of what they do."

Kate Smith, 10, and her

friend Kate McNeil, 10, enjoyed a spin in a Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV), hopping out of the combat vehicle with huge smiles on

their faces.

"It was really cool," said Smith. "I stood up on top and he showed me what all the stuff did."

McNeil, however, had a bit of a less glamorous ride.

"I was in the bottom but it was sort of stinky," she said.

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Schools get boost to cover oil costs

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

Schools won't be at the mercy of volatile energy prices after all next year.

On Friday, Education Minister Karen Casey cut school boards some slack, announcing she would give them more money to fully cover skyrocketing oil prices.

"Buses have set routes and schools need to be heated,"

Casey said in a press release. "We do not want rising global oil prices to have a negative impact on the classroom here in Nova Scotia."

« Buses have set routes and schools need to be heated. »

Education Minister Karen Casey

Casey had said earlier that school boards wouldn't be getting any extra money, saying they would have to cover any shortfalls from within. That led the Halifax regional school board to warn it would have to make classroom cuts in order to make up for a \$3 million shortfall caused by rising oil and diesel prices.

The minister is asking school boards to budget for next year using the cost per litre from February (73.3 cents). If future prices exceed that, government will top up the difference.

Richard Morris, the Halifax regional school board's director of finance, said that's "tremendous news."

Morris said the rising price of oil was "a major cause of contention" over the last year, leading the board to be over budget by about \$1 million.

The school board plans to table its budget for the next school year by the beginning of July.

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Breaking down the math behind gas prices

Adviser outlines formula, but Grits still have doubts

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

It's not magic.

There's a straightforward, mathematical formula that determines Nova Scotia's weekly gas prices but the average Nova Scotian isn't likely to trade in their Sudoku puzzle or favourite book to figure it out.

"Basically, this is the way

we do it," said Service Nova Scotia's senior policy adviser Dale Madill during a recent telephone interview.

"First of all ... you need the Platt's, New York Harbour, daily spot price for gasoline," he said.

From there, the department takes the daily weighted average price, uses the noon-hour Bank of Canada exchange rate and does the calculation, he said.

They turn U.S. gallons into Imperial gallons and convert that number into litres.

They factor in an al-

lowance for wholesalers, add the federal and provincial taxes and factor in a margin for the retailer which is four- to five-and-a-half cents, Madill said.

And finally, they add the HST.

"We do this every day for five days and we take a five day average," Madill said.

He said the price of gas is based on this mathematical calculation; it's not impacted by the circumstances of any individual wholesaler.

Madill wrote in a recent newspaper editorial that

« The base price is then adjusted by what staff referred to as 'forward averaging,' for which there exists no formula at all. »

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil

there is nothing subjective about the process.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil, however, cast some doubt on the formula last week.

He said during a public accounts hearing last spring, department staff said the formula only establishes the

base price of gas.

"The base price is then adjusted by what staff referred to as 'forward averaging,' for which there exists no formula at all," he stated in a news release.

McNeil wrote a letter to Service Nova Scotia Minister Jamie Muir concerning the regulated price of fuel.

He said as Nova Scotians become increasingly worried about the price at the pumps, the public "has a right to know what mechanisms are in place" when determining the price of gas.

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Suzanne Nicholson charges into the water for an exercise at Birch Cove beach in Dartmouth yesterday. About 85 lifeguards are going through recertification training before manning the 25 beaches in the HRM this summer.

Testing the waters (and guards)

By JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro Halifax

This year's crop of lifeguards are doing more than working on their tans to get ready for the summer season.

About 85 lifeguards are training at Birch Cove beach in Dartmouth until tomorrow. At the end of it they'll have to pass the test in order to work at one of the 25 beaches throughout the mu-

nicipality.

"We're having a lot of fun," said Alistair Wood, 16 yesterday. "It's a nice day obviously."

Working outdoors is what drew the teenager from Ketch Harbour to being a lifeguard, instead of the usual fast-food summer job.

"I did a lot a swimming when I was little, and I heard it was a good job to sit on a beach."

Lifeguards ran drills like

using a paddleboard to save unconscious swimmers as well as treating spinal injuries and doing searches.

"You have to do everything so perfectly because you're responsible for lives and you have to make sure you know what you're doing," said Lauren Keyes.

Besides the outdoors appeal, the money's not bad either: Lifeguards earn a minimum \$10 an hour.

Union would help steady Africa: Martin

Continent's future could revolutionize world: Former PM

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

Paul Martin says an African Union is what that continent needs to create enough stability for entrepreneurs to prosper.

The former Liberal prime minister spoke in Halifax Friday at a forum on entrepreneurship as a solution to global poverty, hosted by Dalhousie University and the Coady International Institute.

In his speech, Martin explained why investment alone won't shrink poverty or create a middle class in Africa.

He said a lack of entrepreneurship is not Africa's issue, as its gross domestic product was similar to Korea's in the 1950s.

It's because Africa is where

international forum

» Representatives from more than 40 countries attended the Growing Inclusive Markets Forum this weekend at Dalhousie University.

there are devastating effects of colonization, the greatest number of failed states, most destructive governments, and where there will be the most severe effects of climate change.

He said Africa has the highest number of states in conflict of any continent.

"Reaching out to Africa is very much in our self-interest," Martin said. "This is not charity. This has more to go with the kind of world we're going to leave to our children."

Martin said no one should

ignore the weight in the world of a large population. Africa's population will grow to 1.5 billion by 2030. By 2050, the population will surge to two billion, making it the largest population centre of the world.

"Africa could be, for our children and grandchildren, the greatest creators of growth, the greatest markets that could have a revolutionary effect on the world,"

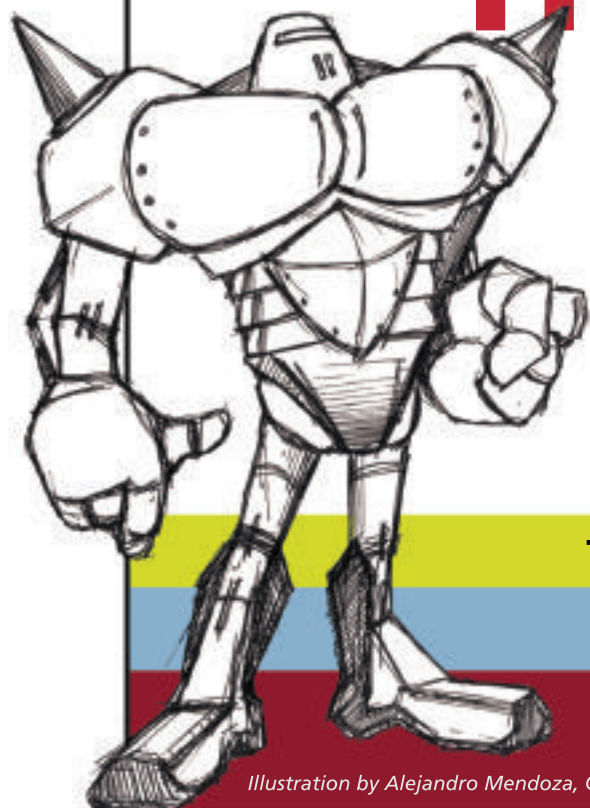
Martin said.

"Or if that large population base is unemployed and desperate without hope and ... that young population base is young men, you ask your-

self 'What's left for the world?' "It's not a pleasant thought. The choice is Africa's but it is also ours."

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Fire crews keep eye on hotspots

Still no charges in man-made blaze

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Close to 30 ground crew members continued to work

in the Porters Lake area over the weekend, monitoring hotspots left over from last week's massive brush fire.

"There was, I think, only one hotspot yesterday, so they're continuing to take a look at the hotspots," said



houses devoured

» Two houses were completely devoured in the blaze, which began June 13 and forced the evacuation of over 5,000 people, and several sustained significant water and smoke damage.

Jennifer Gavin with the Department of Natural Resources yesterday. "They're doing an infrared

scan again today to make sure that there's none there."

She said fire crews would remain in the area for several days to monitor the situation and continue to "mop up" and get the equipment out. The cause of the fire is still

under investigation, she said. Last week the department confirmed that the fire was "man-made," but Gavin said no charges had been laid.

The fire destroyed more than 1,925 hectares of land. —robyn.young@metronews.ca

Men face murder charges

A pair of New Glasgow men, both in their 20s, face first-degree murder charges as the result of the stabbing death of 51-year-old Bruce Phillip Smith early Sunday morning.

New Glasgow Police Service responded to a stabbing at 3:40 a.m. at 408 Washington St., Apt. 3, and found Smith, the apartment's sole resident, dead from stab wounds.

New Glasgow Police Service Major Crime Unit and identification section, along with members of the Truro Police Service Major Crime Unit and Identification Section, plus members from the Pictou County Integrated Street Crime Unit and New Glasgow Police Service K-9 Unit were still at the scene investigating yesterday afternoon.

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In Brief

» **LABOUR** The provincial and federal governments have signed a half-billion dollars in labour agreements designed to better serve workers. The new Labour Market Development Agreement provides the province with \$81 million annually over five years for EI-funded employment benefits and supports. The aim is to allow flexibility in job training programs and supports on workers' and employers' needs.

» **ENERGY** Interest in a program to help small businesses cut their energy costs is mounting in Pictou County. Last month, Nova Scotia Power launched the Small Business Lighting Solutions project in Dartmouth and Pictou County. The program is open to small business owners with energy consumption of less than 300,000 kilowatt hours per year and a peak demand below 100 kilowatts. To find out if you're eligible, contact NSP at 1-800-428-6230, select three then five.

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Republican John McCain, left, defended the North American Free Trade Agreement in Ottawa Friday during an unusual foreign trip as a U.S. presidential candidate to draw a contrast with Barack Obama, his Democratic rival in the November election. REUTERS

Liberals to court immigrants

Opposition hopes to reconnect with cultural supporters

While Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion is out this summer selling his "green-shift" plan, his deputy, Michael Ignatieff, will be on the road as well, trying to put

together a new party platform on the crucial issue of immigration.

Ignatieff and long-time Liberal MP Maurizio Bevilacqua are in the midst of planning a cross-country trek to get ideas on immigration reform and reconnect the Liberal party to its cultural-community bases



Conservative reform

» This month, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government managed to slip an important immigration reform into a budget bill — resulting in more power for Immigration Minister Diane Finley to decide who gets in and who stays out of the country.

across Canada.

"Mr. Ignatieff and Mr. Bevilacqua will work on an

immigration plan. They will

consult," Dion told Torstar News Service. "We don't like

what the Conservatives have done on immigration, but we want to come with a good plan to propose to Canadians and Michael and Maurizio have decided they will come with recommendations for the party."

The federal Liberals once owned the immigration issue in Canada and counted im-

migrants as a rock-solid base of support.

But that base has been eroded by concerted Conservative attempts to court various ethnic groups with everything ranging from money to apologies to government greeting cards on holidays.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Layoffs suspicious: Union

The head of CUPE is calling the recent Air Canada announcement to slash jobs "suspicious" in timing and nature.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees national president Paul Moist told Metro exclusively that Air Canada's plan to slash 2,000 jobs is convenient at a time when gas prices are rising.

"The outlook for the industry is serious, but we're suspicious about the emphasis, timing and intent of this announcement," Moist said.

Air Canada spokesperson Angela Mah told Metro the cuts are a reflection of less flights due to the high price of gas.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Toronto Mothers' plea



Karen Ellis, left, and Susan Dudeck made a public appeal for information yesterday into the murder of their sons, Dylan Ellis and Oliver Martin. Dylan and Oliver were shot to death outside a downtown Toronto apartment building on June 13.

RENE JOHNSON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

security

New scanner sees through clothing

AIRPORT Security at the Kelowna International Airport will see a lot more of passengers today when they begin using new technology that sees through clothing.

The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority announced that Kelowna's airport will test a body-imaging system that creates a three-dimensional image of passengers to detect dangerous objects hidden beneath clothing.

The security officer who operates the machine sees a simplified image of passengers' bodies. Another officer, in a private room, sees detailed black-and-white images.

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Security tight for terror trial

Ottawa clamps down for trial of bomb-plot suspect

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Cement partitions and security fences are in place and there will be no parking in areas of Elgin Street today as a high-profile terror trial gets underway in Ottawa.

More than four years after being arrested on criminal terrorism charges in connection to a bomb

plot in England, the trial of Orleans resident Momin Khawaja, 33, begins today, and security precautions are among the tightest Ottawa

has seen, police say.

Newly installed security cameras, X-ray devices and additional police staff have been assigned to the downtown courthouse in a clamp-down. Staff-Sgt. Dave Veinotte calls unprecedented

for Ottawa police. "There have been trials where there has been extra

timeline

» The trial, being held before a judge, but no jury, is expected to last four months, with tight security measures for the duration.

security provided and a magnetometer (walk-through metal detector), but not an X-ray device before," said Veinotte.

From her home in Orleans yesterday, Azra K h a w a j a ,

Momin's mother, was referring questions to Khawaja's lawyer, Lawrence Green-spon, who was unavailable for comment.

"We are not going to talk about any of the things; our legal team is the best people to call," she said.

British police named Khawaja as a co-conspirator in the case of five men jailed for life last year for plotting attacks on targets across Britain.

Although British authorities alleged Khawaja provided technical help with detonators, he was not charged. He is alleged to have built the devices in his parents' basement.

Khawaja, a software developer, faces life in prison if found guilty. He was arrested in March 2004 and has been jailed since. He is the first person charged under Canadian anti-terrorism laws put in place after Sept. 11, 2001. He has pleaded not guilty.

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Ottawa Making waves



ETIENNE FANGER/FOR METRO OTTAWA

The 15th annual Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival — North America's largest — churned the waters of Mooneys Bay on the weekend for a good cause, raising an estimated \$250,000 for eight local charities.

Alberta investigates immigration fees

Alberta will launch an investigation into fees allegedly paid by Chinese workers who later died while working in northern Alberta last year, said Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday.

Stelmach says the province will investigate whether fees

were paid by the temporary workers before they came to Canada.

«It's a bit of a complicated issue.»

Alberta Premier
Ed Stelmach

"It's a bit of a complicated issue because the federal government is involved, but

we are investigating the matter very well, very thoroughly," said Stelmach.

Stelmach says the investigation will determine who received the money that went missing from one of the worker's bank accounts after his life insurance was paid out, along with when the transaction took place.

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world



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, threatened yesterday to fire cabinet ministers belonging to his main coalition partner if they backed a parliamentary move to topple him over a corruption scandal, officials said.

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Bomber kills 15 in Iraq

Suicide attack by woman aimed at police officers

A female suicide bomber blew herself up among policemen outside a restaurant north of Baghdad yesterday, killing 15 people and wounding 35, Iraqi police said.

The attack took place in Baquba, capital of multi-ethnic Diyala province, where Sunni Islamist al Qaeda militants have sought to sow tension despite a succession of military offensives that have put the group on the back foot.

Police said the woman walked over to a group of policemen outside a restaurant then detonated explosives under her clothing. Several



rise in female suicide bombers

» The U.S. military said 21 female suicide bombers had carried out attacks this year. Most have been in Diyala and Baghdad. Security officials have blamed those bombings on al Qaeda, which they say has sought to recruit women because they can sometimes escape strict security checks on men.

cars were set on fire.

"When she approached the police patrol, a powerful blast ripped through the area," said Adnan Fayadh, a photocopy shop owner who was nearby.

Police and the U.S. military said 15 people were killed in the attack, which was also near a number of government buildings in Baquba, 65 kilometres north of Baghdad. The U.S. military said the dead included seven policemen.

At a hospital morgue, white

sheets covered most of the dead. A man wailed over a body lying on a stretcher.

Violence in Iraq has dropped to a four-year low, but yesterday's bombing was the second big attack in the past week.

U.S. forces have blamed a rogue Shiite militia group for a truck bomb that killed 63 people in Baghdad last Tuesday. That was the deadliest attack in Baghdad in more than three months.

U.S. officials accuse al Qaeda insurgents of carrying out scores of large-scale bombings, killing thousands of people in Iraq in the past few years.

A sustained military campaign against al Qaeda has pushed the group out of its traditional strongholds in Anbar province in the west and parts of Baghdad in the past year.

One region where al Qaeda forces regrouped was in the northern city of Mosul, described by the U.S. military as al Qaeda's last major urban stronghold.

Iraqi security officials say al Qaeda's network has been broken in Mosul following an offensive there.

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Relatives of passengers of a capsized ferry cry as they await the latest news on their loved ones outside the office of Sulpicio Lines in the port area of Manila yesterday.

Over 800 missing after ferry capsizes

Philippine ship hit by typhoon, four survivors found

waves were so huge, and the rains were heavy," a survivor identified only as Jesse told local radio.

More than 800 people were missing yesterday after a Philippine ferry capsized in a typhoon that has killed scores and left a trail of destruction across the archipelago.

« Many of us jumped, the waves were so huge, and the rains were heavy. »

ferry disaster survivor

Sulpicio Lines, the owner of the MV Princess of Stars, revised the number of people missing to 845 after discovering an extra 100 passengers on the ship's manifest. Only four people are so far known to have survived the ferry disaster and they said many did not make it off the ship in time.

Crowded life-rafts sank in cold, storm-tossed seas.

"Many of us jumped, the

"There was just one announcement over the megaphone, about 30 minutes before the ship tilted to its

side. Immediately after I jumped, the ship tilted, the older people were left on the ship."

Four people have been confirmed dead. Children's slippers and life jackets have washed ashore.

There were 724 passengers and 121 crew on board, including at least 20 children and 33 infants.

In the central city of Cebu, where Princess of Stars was meant to dock, dozens of relatives maintained a vigil at a small passenger terminal, waiting for news.

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Middle East

Expect response if attacked: Iran

ISRAEL Iran will give a "devastating" response to any attack on the country, its defence minister was quoted as saying yesterday.

The New York Times on Friday quoted U.S. officials as saying Israel had carried out a large military exercise, apparently a rehearsal for a potential bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities.

media

Iran bans paper critical of president

ELECTION An Iranian newspaper has been banned after carrying articles critical of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's economic policies, the state Press TV satellite station said on its website.

A government media body revoked the licence of Tehran Mayor Mohammed Baqer Qalibaf, a conservative whom analysts say is a potential rival of Ahmadinejad in next year's presidential election.

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Taiwan 130 couples exchange vows



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Couples pose for a group photo during a mass beach wedding ceremony in Linshanpi near Baishanwan, Taipei County, yesterday. More than 130 couples gathered yesterday at the beach on the northern coast of Taiwan to exchange wedding vows in the event organized by the Taipei County government and the tourism bureau.

Iraqi elections might get delayed

Kirkuk dispute stalling process

Iraq's provincial elections, seen as vital for fostering national reconciliation, could be delayed because of disputes in parliament over the electoral law, several lawmakers said yesterday.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has said the elections will be held on Oct. 1, but a dispute

Kirkuk

» The fate of Kirkuk, a mixed city of Arabs, Kurds and Turkmen that sits atop rich oil fields, is already one of the most divisive issues in Iraq.

has emerged between Arab and Kurdish lawmakers over what to do about voting in the disputed oil-rich city of Kirkuk in northern Iraq.

"There are many problems

hindering us from agreeing the provincial elections law. One of the main problems is Kirkuk," Jalal al-Din al-Sagheer, head of the parliamentary bloc from the ruling Shiite Alliance, told Reuters.

"I think it will be very difficult to hold elections on time."

The electoral commission has said the draft law must be passed by the start of July to give it three months to prepare for the polls.

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Afghanistan needs 6,000 more troops: General

Up to 6,000 additional troops are urgently needed in Afghanistan and a failure to deploy them will only prolong the presence of Western forces in the country, a German NATO general said yesterday.

Egon Ramms told public radio station Deutschlandfunk that alliance members would end up paying a price later if they did not boost troop numbers now.

"We are talking about a total of 5,000, 6,000 soldiers," Ramms said. "We need these

soldiers now, very soon, because we need to hold specific areas, we need to win over Afghanistan's citizens and because at some point, in 2010, 2011 or 2012 we will want to hand over responsibility to Afghan forces."

Roughly 60,000 foreign troops are in Afghanistan, most of them part of the NATO-led International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF), but security has deteriorated over the past two years.

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Belarus **War memorial**

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, right, and his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko attend a ceremony marking the anniversary of Nazi Germany's 1941 invasion of the Soviet Union at a war memorial in Brest yesterday.

Obama targets oil prices

Democrat looks to end speculation in oil markets

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama offered new steps yesterday to crack down on speculation in oil markets, saying his plan would help rein in runaway fuel costs.

A jump in gasoline prices above \$4 a gallon has spurred consumer anger and is a top



rising toll

» Oil hit a peak of nearly \$140 a barrel last week. It has doubled over the past year, adding to woes such as a housing crisis that are already taking a toll on the faltering U.S. economy.

theme in the race between Obama and his Republican rival in the November election, John McCain, who has proposed more U.S. offshore oil exploration as a way to boost energy supplies.

"I think everyone believes

there's too much speculation in the oil markets," said New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine, an Obama ally who announced the proposals in a conference call with reporters. "A lot of the price of oil, I think, people put at the doorstep of

speculators bidding up and holding supplies off the market."

Corzine said Obama's plan aims to close the so-called Enron loophole, which exempts some energy speculators who trade electronically from U.S. regulation. It takes its name from the now-collapsed energy firm that benefited from the law.

Obama would require U.S. energy futures to trade on regulated exchanges. **REUTERS**

U.S. evangelicals look for new way

Younger members moving closer to political centre

Matt Dunbar is not your typical evangelical Christian.

With his tousled hair, sideburns and a scruffy "soul patch" beard, the 26-year-old New Yorker belongs to a growing minority of young evangelicals who want to broaden their political agenda beyond the traditional opposition to abortion

and gay marriage.

Evangelicals like Dunbar are eager to move on and tackle such hot topics as global warming and social justice.

study

» Research shows many young white evangelicals are moving away from the Republican Party.

As they move to the centre of the political spectrum, they are deciding whether Republican presidential candidate John McCain or Democrat Barack Obama aligns best with

their values and deserves their vote in the November presidential election. **REUTERS**

Levees hold back river

Walls and levees held back the cresting Mississippi River yesterday as requests for government aid poured in from homeowners and businesses swamped by the worst Midwest flooding in 15 years.

Across from St. Louis, where the river remained near the crest reached Friday, Cahokia Mayor Frank Bergman said his city of 17,000 had escaped disaster by a few feet.

"We got lucky," he said as he walked a 50-year-old network

of levees and flood walls that withstood the river's rise. River water that seeped under the levees at a few spots had been cordoned off by walls of sandbags.

The deluge that swamped Iowa cities and farms two weeks ago has washed down the most important U.S. waterway, swallowing up towns and thousands of acres of prime crop land in the heart of the world's largest grain and food exporter. **REUTERS**

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Darfur food crisis looms

Bad harvest and violence key factors

Darfur faces a food crisis this year as a result of a "perfect storm" of growing violence, overcrowding in refugee camps and a bad harvest, the United Nations said yesterday.

The conflict in Darfur has prompted the world's largest humanitarian operation, which helps two-thirds of the region's six-million population.

But this year, a confluence of problems in the western Sudanese region could cause a spike in malnutrition rates and health problems, United Nations officials said.

"Four years into a massive humanitarian operation ... this is the year I think where we are going to see a reduction in (health) indicators as

a result of this perfect storm," Mike McDonough, head of the UN humanitarian co-ordination office, said.

Attacks on World Food Programme food convoys have forced a cut in rations to millions in Darfur by almost half since May, and government promises of escorts for aid trucks have not

materialized.

aid cut

» Attacks on World Food Programme convoys have forced a cut in rations by almost half since May.

"If we don't improve we simply cannot raise this ration in the future," WFP head Kenro Oshidari said at a joint UN agencies news conference. "The reality is that the trucks need to move every single day."

Ted Chaiban, head of the UN agency UNICEF, said without trucks moving and full rations, this year's traditional hunger gap, as rains cut off roads and farms, would be more severe than previous years.

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Remembering Bhutto Birthday candles



Supporters of Pakistan's slain former prime minister Benazir Bhutto light candles to commemorate her 55th birthday in Multan yesterday.

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Bangladesh's ex-PM says sons were tortured

A faction of former Bangladeshi prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia's party said yesterday her sons had been tortured in custody and called for an investigation.

Jatiyatabadi Muktiyoddha Dal, a body of veterans of the country's 1971 independence war, said that due to physical and mental torture, Khaleda's younger son Arafat Rahman's chronic asthma had become acute, while her elder son, Tareque, was unable to walk because his spinal cord had been broken.

"Tareque is almost unable to stand up let alone walk on his own. It is only due to physical torture in custody," Sohrab Uddin, the faction's head, told reporters.

Police denied Khaleda's two sons were tortured.

A senior prison official said: "No accused is ever tortured in any of the country's jails."

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Russian political veteran quits

Opposition leader makes parting shot to Putin

Veteran politician Grigory Yavlinsky stepped down as leader of Russia's Yabloko opposition party yesterday, with parting shots at President Dmitry Medvedev and

his predecessor, Vladimir Putin.

Yavlinsky, a 56-year-old economist who advised the Russian government at the start of the 1990s on the transition from communism to a market economy, will be replaced by the head of the party's Moscow branch, Sergei Mitrokhin.

Yavlinsky said Putin and Medvedev were dependent on Russia's centralized power structures to rule the country.

"Our party has shown that we cannot be sold and act on our principles," he told a party congress where he announced his resignation.

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Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai decries the violence surrounding the election process in Zimbabwe.

Mugabe rival out

Tsvangirai quits 'sham' run-off vote

Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai pulled out of a run-off election against President Robert Mugabe, saying a free and fair poll was impossible in the current climate of violence.

Speaking only hours after his opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) reported its rally had been broken up by pro-Mugabe youth militia yesterday, Tsvangirai called on the UN and the African Union to intervene to stop "genocide" in the former British colony.

"We in the MDC have resolved that we will no longer participate in this violent, illegitimate sham of an election process," he said.

Tsvangirai beat Mugabe in a March vote but failed to win the absolute majority needed to avoid a second ballot.

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Syria

Nuclear reactor probe begins

CLANDESTINE UN inspectors arrived in Syria yesterday to investigate U.S. allegations Damascus was building a clandestine nuclear reactor for military purposes before an Israel air strike destroyed it in September. Syria denies the accusations.

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Three dead in Lebanon clashes

At least three people were killed and 30 wounded yesterday in sectarian clashes in Lebanon's second-largest city Tripoli, security sources said.

Explosions and machine-gun fire rocked the city as Sunni Muslim supporters of the government and Alawite gunmen close to the Hezbollah-led opposition battled on the outskirts of the mainly Sunni Muslim port.

Lebanese army units deployed in the area and tried to end the fighting and local leaders held talks to contain the conflict. Dozens of families fled the scene of the clashes that tapered off after both sides agreed to a ceasefire, the sources said.

Several homes, shops and cars were damaged in the clashes that left the streets of the city largely deserted.

It was not immediately clear how the fighting began at dawn but tension has been high in recent weeks between the Sunni Bab Tibbaneh district and Alawite Jabal Mohsen.

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Mending fences

France's Sarkozy takes trip to Israel

ALLY French President Nicolas Sarkozy arrived in Israel yesterday for a three-day visit aimed at reinforcing his image as an ally of the Jewish state and reversing a trend of difficult trips there by French leaders.

After taking office last year, Sarkozy announced a "break" with the policies of his predecessor Jacques Chirac, seeking to mend ties with Washington damaged by the war in Iraq and repeatedly proclaiming himself a friend of Israel.

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U.K.'s PM to open up energy markets

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown pledged yesterday to open Britain's energy markets to foreign investors in a "new deal" designed to promote clean energy and end a conflict of interest between oil producers and consumers.

At an emergency oil summit in Jeddah, Brown unveiled plans to work with Saudi Arabia on technology to capture carbon emissions from energy plants and with

open

» Brown said earlier this year that Britain was open to investment from the huge sovereign wealth funds run by rich oil producers.

the United Arab Emirates on nuclear technology. He said Britain and Qatar were looking at a new joint energy fund to invest in British energy industries, and that talks with the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority about investment opportunities in Britain were moving forward.

"We want them to invest in alternative sources of energy in our economies, just as we want them to allow our efficient oil companies to have a role to play in the oil production of the oil producing countries," Brown said.

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Anheuser-Busch Support for strong U.S.-based firm

TAKEOVER Andrew D. Busch, a non-employee member of Anheuser-Busch Cos.'s founding Busch family, says he supports the U.S. brewer's efforts to remain "a strong company headquartered in St. Louis."

Busch, an uncle of Chief Executive August A. Busch IV, said he supports his nephew and the board of directors as they evaluate a \$46.3 billion takeover bid by Belgian-Brazilian brewer InBev NV.

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Saudi Arabia pledges more oil

Promise unlikely to calm market, minister says

Top exporter Saudi Arabia is ready to pump more oil for the rest of the year, although that is unlikely to tame record prices, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said yesterday.

"I am convinced that the supply and demand balances and crude oil production levels are not the primary drivers of the current market situation and that markets are already well-supplied," Naimi said at the unprecedented meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in response to record moves on the oil market.

Saudi Arabia has already said it will produce 9.7 million bpd in July, marking an increase in output of 550,000 bpd since May.



Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi, France's Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning Jean-Louis Borloo, left, and Total Chief Executive Christophe De Margerie attend a news conference at the Jeddah energy meeting yesterday.

For the longer term, Naimi said Saudi Arabia could in-

crease its available capacity by an extra 2.5 million bpd

above a current plan to reach 12.5 million bpd by next year.

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Apart from the short-term supply-demand balance, investors have bought into futures markets because they believe oil supplies will be under strain for the foreseeable future.

Naimi said such long-term fears were "badly misplaced" and that the world had enough oil resources to meet demand for "many, many decades to come."

One of the divisions at yesterday's talks has centred around the reluctance, as oil producers see it, of consumer countries to acknowledge the role speculation has played in current prices.

Naimi said consumer countries should take responsibility for tackling all the other issues beyond supply and demand that have affected oil prices, including political tension, fuel taxes and subsidies.

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Canada urges transparency

Backs G8 call to probe speculation

Canada's Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn said yesterday he pushed at an emergency meeting in Saudi Arabia of oil producing and consuming countries for more transparency in global oil markets to allow supply and demand to be the biggest influences on prices.

reserves

» With its oil sands, Canada's reserves are second only to Saudi Arabia's conventional resources in size. But unlike some OPEC countries, it has no spare capacity to tap in the short term to help cool runaway prices.

Lunn said Canada, the top energy supplier to the United States, supports the call from

G8 finance ministers for investigations into the role of speculation in the surge of oil prices to near \$140 a barrel.

He resisted any notion of regulating domestic fuel prices, arguing that consumers eventually pay more than in an unregulated market.

None of the delegates at the meeting was under the belief that a quick fix to the crisis was at hand, Lunn said.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Retailer of the year:

Magazines Canada, an industry association representing more than 300 of the country's consumer titles, has announced their inaugural Retailer of the Year award. The prize was presented to Atlantic News of Halifax. Michele Gerard, Atlantic News co-owner, accepted the award at the Magazine Canada Annual Luncheon in Toronto.

Mayor's comments blamed:

Teamsters Local Union 927 president Charles Chalmers has blamed Mayor Jerry Hallee's comments claiming that a union vote would close down the factory for the results of the unionization vote. In a press release yesterday, Chalmers said, "As the former general manager of PolyCello, Jerry Hallee undoubtedly has the interests of the business at heart. As such, I continue to question whether he can have an impartial view of how best

to protect the rights and meet the needs of employees." The press release states that Chalmers hopes "Mayor Hallee will demonstrate more professionalism and allow workers to make their own informed choices in the future."

Fisheries building opens:

Cape Breton's newest multi-million dollar facility was officially opened to the public Thursday. The new Department of Fisheries and Oceans building, located on Westmount Road, will bring all DFO offices, which were previously scattered throughout the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, into one building. All activities of Fisheries and Oceans, with the exception of research, which is largely located at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, will be delivered from the 1,180 square metre building.

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Luxury goods fight 'Made in Asia' label

Many fashionistas are confused over what is real, what is fake, and whether a product's country of origin says anything about its quality.

Even a "made in Italy" label no longer guarantees that a bag or a pair of shoes was hand crafted by artisans in a Tuscan workshop. Instead, the bag could have been stitched together by illegal workers in clandestine Italian factories. And yet, Asian manufacturing remains a taboo in the luxury sector.

Faced with shoppers' concerns about product quality, environmental standards and working conditions in Asia, many European luxury goods makers swear that their factories will always stay close to home.

"There is no reason why you can't make good things anywhere in the world, as long as you have the artisans and attention to quality," said John Hooks, deputy managing director at Giorgio Armani.

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explosives

Miners pay more bucks for bang

PRICES These are boom times for mining companies but the big profits are being eaten into by spiralling energy costs and suddenly rising prices for the explosives used to blast into the rocks.

It's all because of the high price of natural gas, which when converted into ammonia is used to produce ammonium nitrate, a key ingredient in fertilizers and explosives.

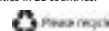
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Ranging in age from 17 to 29, the Top 24 were selected following an exhaustive search that took Canadian Idol judges to 10 cities and one "online stop" on the three-month audition tour. Among this season's elite group are a carpenter, a student, a housepainter, a songwriter, a backhoe operator, a music teacher, a respite care worker, a coffee barista and more, all representing Canada from coast to coast.

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Kyle Busch, left, earned his fifth win of the season at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Toyota/Save Mart 350 yesterday at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif.

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Spain saved by clutch goalie

Casillas stops pair of penalties to knock out Italy

EURO2008

Spain beat Italy 4-2 on penalties after a goalless Euro 2008 quarter-final yesterday to end their shootout jinx and reach the last four of a major tournament for the first time in 24 years.

They will now face Russia, who they thrashed 4-1 in their opening group game, thanks to substitute midfielder Cesc Fabregas who scored the decisive spot kick after Iker Casillas had saved two of Italy's penalties.

It is the first time Spain have reached the last four since they got to the European Championship final in 1984 and came after they had lost three previous quarter-final shootouts in major tournaments, all on June 22.



Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas saves a penalty yesterday during a Euro 2008 quarter-final against Italy in Vienna, Austria. Spain's victory moves them into a semifinal against Russia on Thursday.

The victory was also their first over Italy at a major tournament outside the Olympic Games.

"It was about time we won one, we deserve it," said Casillas, who saved from Daniele De Rossi and Antonio Di Natale.

"Losing on penalties again would have been terrible. Now the fans can enjoy this

because we've got to the semifinals at last."

The game ended goalless after extra time as both well-organized defences coped relatively comfortably with the too-cautious attempts to break them down.

"It was a very evenly balanced game," said Spain coach Luis Aragones. "Italy are always a difficult side to break down and very dangerous on the break."

Two years ago Italy won the World Cup on penalties and current coach Roberto Donadoni had no complaints yesterday.

"The players should leave here with their heads held high," he said.

Spain are the only one of the Euro 2008 group winners to reach the semi-finals after Portugal, Croatia and Netherlands all lost.

Germany will face Turkey in the other semifinal on Wednesday in Basel, Switzerland.

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horse racing

Not Bourbon wins Queen's Plate

VICTORY Not Bourbon held off Ginger Brew to capture the 149th running of the Queen's Plate, Canada's most famous horse race, yesterday at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

Not Bourbon picked up a pot of \$600,000 as he now approaches the \$1 million plateau, with a career bankroll of \$961,160.

MLB

Blue Jays snap seven-game skid

VICTORY Lyle Overbay had the go-ahead two-run double in a four-run sixth inning, as the Toronto Blue Jays snapped a seven-game losing streak and gave Cito Gaston his first win in his second stint as the team's manager with an 8-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday in the finale of a three-game series at PNC Park.

motorsports

Massa takes over F1 points lead

VICTORY Felipe Massa led a Ferrari one-two to win the French Grand Prix yesterday and take the lead in the Formula One championship for the first time.

Teammate Kimi Raikkonen, the world champ who won in France last year, led from pole but was overtaken by Massa just after the halfway mark when his car suffered a broken exhaust.

golf

Cink ends 4-year winless slide

VICTORY American Stewart Cink held his nerve to win his first PGA Tour title in almost four years with a one-shot victory at the Travelers Championship yesterday in Cromwell, Conn.

Cink, who had not won since the 2004 WGC-NEC Invitational, earned \$1.08 million US for the victory.

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Federer forgets Paris to focus on Wimbledon

World No. 1 says he won't fret over defeat

Five-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer said yesterday he had banished thoughts of his 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 French Open mauling at the hands of Rafael Nadal and planned to dominate the draw at the All England Club as usual.

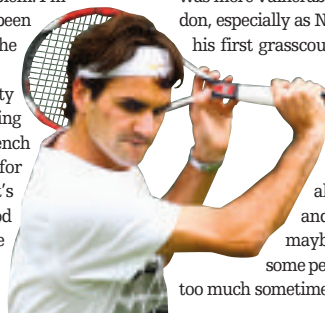
"It's almost easier to forget a loss like that," the world No. 1 said on the eve of his bid for a modern-era record sixth consecutive singles title.

"The French Open was over in such

a hurry ... so it's easy just to look forward and concentrate on grass. I won't be on clay for 10 months so it really hasn't been a problem. I'm happy I haven't been affected by it," he said.

"I'm still pretty proud of achieving my third French Open final but for some I guess that's still not good enough," he added.

The Swiss top



seed said he did not read newspapers and so had taken no notice of comments from former players that he was more vulnerable now at Wimbledon, especially as Nadal had also won his first grasscourt title at Queen's last week.

"What other people and players say I cannot control. But you'll always hear good and bad things. It's maybe a time where some people talk a little bit too much sometimes," he said.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB	Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 8:10	Russia 3 Netherlands 1 (extra time)
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	L.A. Angels at Washington, 8:10	FRIDAY'S RESULT
INTERLEAGUE	Colorado at Kansas City, 9:10	Croatia 1 Turkey 1
Atlanta 8 Seattle 3	NATIONAL LEAGUE	(Turkey advances 3-1 on penalties)
Boston 5 St. Louis 3 (13 ins)	Milwaukee at Atlanta, 8:10	THURSDAY'S RESULT
Chicago Cubs 7 Chicago Sox 1	CFL	Germany 3 Portugal 2
Detroit 5 San Diego 3	REGULAR SEASON	SEMIFINALS
Houston 3 Tampa Bay 2	WEEK 1	WEDNESDAY'S GAME
Kansas City 11 San Francisco 10	THURSDAY'S GAMES	Germany vs. Turkey, 3:45
L.A. Angels 3 Philadelphia 2	Montreal at Hamilton, 8	THURSDAY'S GAME
L.A. Dodgers 4 Cleveland 3	B.C. at Calgary, 11	Russia vs. Spain, 3:45
Milwaukee 7 Baltimore 3	FRIDAY'S GAME	CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
Minnesota 5 Arizona 3	Toronto at Winnipeg, 9	SUNDAY, JUNE 29
N.Y. Yankees 4 Cincinnati 1	Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 8:30	Semifinal winners, 3:45
Oakland 7 Florida 1	EURO 2008	LOTTERIES
Texas 5 Washington 3	QUARTER-FINALS	Friday, June 20, 2008
Toronto 8 Pittsburgh 5	YESTERDAY'S RESULT	Lotto Super 7 7, 11, 26, 33, 34, 40
NATIONAL LEAGUE	Spain 0 Italy 0	& 46. Bonus 25.
N.Y. Mets 3 Colorado 1	(Spain advances 4-2 on penalties)	Saturday, June 21, 2008
TONIGHT'S GAMES	SATURDAY'S RESULT	Lotto 6/49 6, 7, 14, 16, 17
INTERLEAGUE		& 27 Bonus 32.
Arizona at Boston, 8:05		Results not official

Stamkos officially taken by Bolts

Centre relieved to finally be drafted

The Tampa Bay Lightning did as predicted this weekend and selected centreman Steven Stamkos with the first overall pick in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft in Ottawa.

Stamkos was the top-rated North American skater by NHL Central Scouting and solidified his standing as the best

top 5 choices

» 1. Tampa Bay, C-Steven Stamkos (Sarnia); 2. Los Angeles, D-Drew Doughty (Guelph); 3. Atlanta, D-Zach Bogosian (Peterborough); 4. St. Louis, D-Alex Pietrangelo (Niagara); 5. Toronto (from NYI), D-Luke Schenn (Kelowna).

available player in this year's draft with an excellent 2007-08 season. He led the Sarnia

Sting with 105 points in 61 games.

"To tell you the truth right now, it's a relief to get my name called by the Tampa Bay Lightning," said Stamkos. "I can finally throw out those ifs, and, or buts we've been talking about the last couple of weeks. It's official now and I couldn't feel better about going to a great organization like the Tampa Bay Lightning."

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Bridgewater's Adam Becker, left, defeated Halifax's Phil Anderson 6-3, 6-1 yesterday in Moncton to win the lone Atlantic Canadian spot in the qualifier for next month's ATP Challenger tennis tournament, also in Moncton. METRO HALIFAX

Delmas a perfect fit with Avs

Goalie keeps Nova Scotia from NHL draft shutout

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

The NHL draft is usually about teams scouting players, but Peter Delmas turned the tables on the Colorado Avalanche.

The Bedford goalie was having such good pre-draft interviews with the Avalanche, he hit the Internet to scout out what his competition would be like if they picked him.

He liked what he saw. Beyond Jose Theodore and Peter Budaj in the NHL, there was no stud goalie of the future waiting in the wings — not until the Avs took Delmas in the second round (61st overall) at Saturday's draft in Ottawa.

"I was looking in the pipeline and there wasn't a whole lot there," the 18-

year-old said afterward. "They don't have any big first-round picks or anything, and it's inspiring. It's a good opportunity and it's one of the reasons I wanted to go there."

Delmas, a Halifax McDonald's grad who has emerged as a top prospect since joining the Lewiston Maineiacs two seasons ago, was the only Nova Scotian picked in the draft.

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Bedford's Peter Delmas

The Avs made it clear just how much they liked Delmas by trading third-year NHL forward Brad Richardson to the Los Angeles Kings to acquire the pick to select him.

They had only one pick in the top 100 before that swap.

"When I met all the scouts in the interviews, they said they really liked me, they really wanted me," Delmas said. "When I went to see the head scout after they picked me, he was like, 'See? I traded up for you. I told you I liked you.'"

Delmas will attend a prospect development camp in Colorado next month and then head to training camp in September. He is expected to spend the next two seasons in Lewiston, but is looking forward to getting his first taste of the NHL.

He said he is most looking forward to meeting Theodore, who won the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player with the Montreal Canadiens when Delmas was 12.

"It's kind of funny ... I used to look up to him a lot and my dad used to love Theodore — he even has a poster of him in our basement," Delmas laughed. "It's going to be pretty cool if I get to be on the same sheet of ice as him."

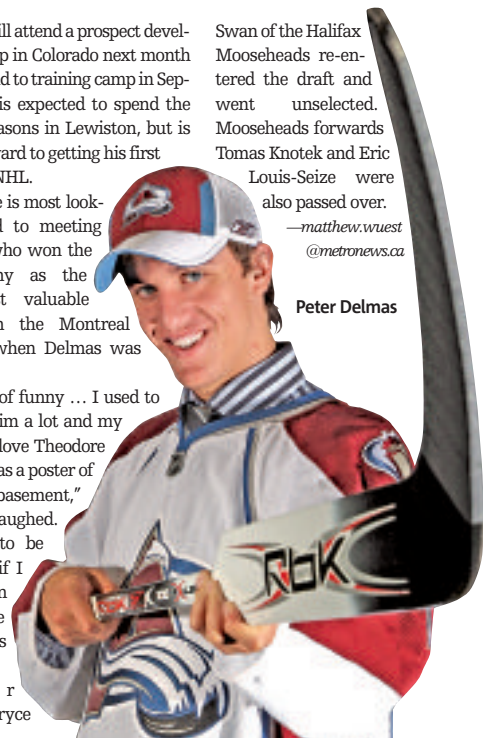
Alder Point's Bryce

Swan of the Halifax Mooseheads re-entered the draft and went unselected. Mooseheads forwards Tomas Knotek and Eric

Louis-Seize were also passed over.

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Peter Delmas



New Halifax team takes Bedecki No. 1

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

Halifax's newest junior A hockey club bolstered its roster on the weekend by taking Wayne Bedecki first overall in the Maritime Junior A Hockey League draft in Amherst.

Bedecki, a Glace Bay native and Cape Breton Tradesmen forward, was sixth in the Nova Scotia major midget scoring with 45 points in 35 games last season and should step right in.

Halifax general manager Tyler Naugler called Bedecki a consistent player who can

hurt you "every game, every shift."

Halifax also selected high-scoring defenceman Dylan King of the Halifax McDonald's in the second round, and landed twin brothers Michael and Andrew Roski of the Dartmouth Subways.

In the dispersal draft of players from the Charlottetown Abbies, Halifax picked up the rights to P.E.I. Rocket forward Chad Locke, who would immediately become the team's best player if he decides to report to junior A. The team also acquired the rights to Bathurst Titan goalie Antoine Tardif.

Winner Grant earns submission victory



Cole Harbour's T.J. Grant celebrates after defeating two-time UFC fighter Chad Reiner at Phoenix Fight Promotions' Last Man Standing mixed martial arts show at the Dartmouth Sportsplex on Saturday. Grant improved to 11-2 by earning a third-round submission victory over Reiner (17-6) in one of nine bouts. Dartmouth natives Tristan Johnson, Steve Skinner and Chad Cox were among the other winners.

Nova Scotia paddlers strike gold in Germany

Waverley natives Nicole Brown and Erika Taras and Windsor's Sarah Griffin struck gold as part of a 14-medal haul for Canada's junior and developmental paddlers at the Ruhr international regatta yesterday in Bochum, Germany.

The trio teamed with Maggie Henderson of Maple Ridge, B.C., to take gold in the K-4 1,000 metres. Fall River's Michelle Russell, Halifax's Natalie Miller and Kentville's Alexa Irwin won silver with Li-Yue Grenier of Lac-Beauport, Que.

Shaun Fair and Neil Lang of Waverley took silver in the junior men's K-2 1,000, while Dartmouth's Mark James and Waverley's Michael Hindler raced to silver in the C-2 500.

Dartmouth natives Una Louder and Hannah Vaughan won bronze in the under-23 women's K-4 500.

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golf

Nickerson delivers Mid-Am triumph

TOURNAMENTS Aaron Nickerson of River Hills captured the Nova Scotia Golf Association's men's mid-amateur title yesterday at the Clare Golf and Country Club in Church Point.

He shot a final-round 71 for a three-day total of 5-under 208. Rob Colins, Leon Carter, Glenn Robinson and Ryan Dixon rounded out the top five.

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» **ROWING** Shubenacadie's Tracy Cameron won gold in the lightweight double at a World Cup event yesterday in Poznan, Poland. Cameron and crewmate Melanie Kok of St. Catharines, Ont., posted a time of 7:27.23.

» **BASKETBALL** The Halifax Rainmen will announce what league they are joining

today at 11 a.m. at a press conference at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

» **TENNIS** Second-seeded Jamie Power won the St. George's Open tennis tournament in Dartmouth yesterday, defeating Mark Boudreau 6-3, 6-1, in the championship.

» **MOTORSPORTS** Enfield's Shawn Turple won his second Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour race of the summer at the Carquest 100 at Speedway 660 near Fredericton, N.B., on Saturday, edging out Timberlea's Wayne Smith.

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Beauty in the eye of the beholder

Who defines what is weed, what is blossom?

By **KEVIN LITTLE**
for Metro Halifax

Environment Canada says running your gas-powered lawnmower for one hour is equal to driving a new car 320 to 480 kilometres. So is there really any reason to mow your lawn?

I suppose this is moot for me since my wife bought me a sleek Lee Valley push-mower after I threw out my shoulder with an older model. Still, I wonder. Who says dandelions are ugly, or worse, a pesky weed? Who defines what is weed and what is blossom?

My parents are my models for lawn and garden care. Lenora and Alan would drive around Nova Scotia in their beat-up K-car with eyes peeled to the ditches next to our highways. If they saw something appealing they would pull over — my dad would remove the shovel in the trunk and dig up the wildflowers. The trunk was lined with garbage bags so the flowers, the brush, the trees, would last until they got

home. Then each would be transplanted in the most eclectic garden in HRM.

I think my daughter is being brainwashed by the landscaping police. When she was younger she would delight in the bright yellow that would dot our lawn, excited by the coming of spring. Now, she sees the dandelions with mixed emotions, on one hand beholding the beauty and on the other feeling the tug that these are a nuisance, like a carpet that needs to be cleaned. Where did that come from?

The other day I was walking out of our rustic subdivision when a driver kindly picked me up. As we talked she mentioned a house that she felt "had gone too far." I thought she was referring to a home clearly twice as expensive as any other in the area. But as we chatted it was obvious I was mistaken — she was talking about a home just like ours, commenting on the lawn, the fact it looked untended. Our six-year-old is not immune to these comments. She knows others think our lawns should look like cemeteries and golf courses.

But why do we feel the need to spend all this energy,



Kevin Little asks, "Who says dandelions are ugly, or worse, a pesky weed?"

time and expense to make our lawns look like our carpets, except green?

Some of you may be thinking, "Now that man is just trying to justify his laziness." Perhaps, but even those who dislike me would hardly call me lazy. I walk more than five miles a day. I just have a hard time justifying doing something solely because "someone" said I should. So, I ask, is there any reason to mow your lawn besides social conformity?

I have no problem with the extra effort to pick up litter around the church where I work and our home, to be careful in disposal of waste (is it compost, recycling or

garbage), to walk instead of drive at every opportunity despite living in the "burbs" where cars are king. But I balk at any effort that is motivated by the say-so of middle-class convention.

Like most families we are challenged by time commitments; church, school, friends, volunteer activities, sports, family, social activism. So finding the time and the money to landscape and garden is tough. Lately, it got tougher when a friend asked me to join her on Saturday mornings as she planted some 3,000 bulbs around the Metro Turning Point Centre, Atlantic Canada's largest homeless shelter for men. It had been

Kelly's vision to plant these gardens in places around Halifax where the homeless gather, to give them the same access to beauty as we middle-class people take for granted.

It turns out that Kelly's Sanctuary Garden needs more than workers, it needs plants, too — shrubs and vines: Japanese Pieris, Pyramidal Yew, lime or golden Barberry, Dwarf Rhodo, Golden Ninebark, Climbing Hydrangea, Leucothoe, Boston Ivy. Perennials: Sedges or shade tolerant ornamental grasses, Astilbe Columbine, Bellflower (upright), Ligularia, Heuchera, Bergenia (Pigsqueak), a few Hosta,

Lungwort (Pulmonaria), Masterwort (Astrantia), Goose-necked, Loosestrife, Lady's mantle, Solomon's Seal, Ferns, and Daylily. (Kelly O'Neil, an employee of LIVE Landscaping, can be reached at missionkelly@yahoo.ca if anyone has any of these plants to donate.)

So now I have a choice. I can spend time push-mowing my lawn to remove dandelions and grass or I can drive (60-kilometre round trip) to the Sanctuary Garden every Saturday morning and help Kelly, her homeless friends and volunteers with their assorted list of donated plants. What should I do?

If my mum was still living she and my dad would be busy driving around Nova Scotia looking for ditch flowers, which I know would be perfect for my property and Kelly's Sanctuary Garden. Beauty is all around us, whether it is sanctioned by the landscaping police or not. As a profound monk once said, "You can cut back the flowers but you can never hold back the spring."

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Growing alternatives in rainforest



SCIENCE MATTERS
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We know that reducing carbon emissions is the primary way to slow climate change, but preserving forests is a key component as well. Forests are carbon sinks; that is, they absorb and store carbon.

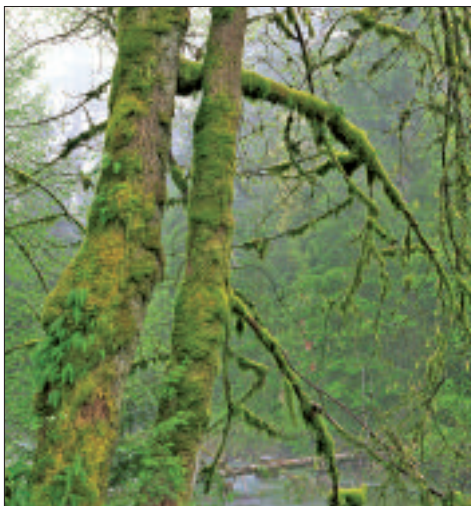
When trees are cut down, that carbon is released into the atmosphere, thus speeding up

global warming. In fact, scientists estimate about 20 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions come from deforestation.

Some economists, including former World Bank chief economist Sir Nicholas Stern, have concluded that preventing deforestation is the most cost-effective method of keeping carbon out of the atmosphere.

But how do we go about it? One idea is referred to as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, or REDD.

Two main strategies are being considered under REDD, both of which involve carbon credits and carbon trading. One would allow industrialized nations to meet Kyoto emis-



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sions-reduction targets by providing grants to developing countries if they re-

duce rates of deforestation. The other would allow countries that avoid

deforestation to earn carbon credits that they could sell on the global carbon market.

The issue is complicated and the potential pitfalls are many. For example, the market-driven system of selling carbon credits may not benefit those people who live in the forests and make their living off the products of the intact ecosystem because it would only pay those who are currently logging to stop. We also have to face up to the fact that when providing grants to countries that reduce deforestation, it can be difficult to ensure the money benefits the people and not corrupt governments.

In some areas, indigenous people have already lost land and rights be-

cause governments have turned over forest "reserves" to companies charged with protecting them.

Let's hope the UN discussions lead to some viable solutions — solutions that preserve biodiversity and include all the inhabitants of the rainforest. It's unlikely that money will solve everything, but it may be a start to addressing the problems of poverty, economic change, and global warming.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.david-suzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is an award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster. He is the co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation in Vancouver where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

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Ways to help reduce your carbon footprint

By now most people are familiar with the notion of global warming.

It's a large-scale phenomenon, but one that places responsibility on individuals to assess what impact their activities have on the environment, better known as their "carbon footprint."

Reducing this footprint may seem daunting at first, but here are some simple tips to help:

» **ONE OF THE** easiest changes you can make to your home is with lighting. By switching to energy-efficient CFL bulbs you can save up to 78 per cent on energy costs. CFLs have the added advantage of lasting up to 10 times longer than traditional bulbs



Reducing your carbon footprint may seem daunting, but can be accomplished by following some simple tips.

and because you won't have to replace them as often, you'll create less landfill.

» **ANOTHER GREAT WAY** to save energy is by installing dimmer switches in your home. Dimmers can reduce energy consumption by up to 20 per cent. Similarly, motion sensor lights on the exterior of your home can provide energy savings by switching lights off automatically when

not detecting movement.

» **LOOK FOR** Energy Star rated lights. These lights are the most energy-efficient models available and can also be found in many décor options to suit your own personal taste.

» **INSTALL CEILING FANS.** During hot weather a ceiling fan will create a cool breeze and keep the air circulating in your home.

» **AN EVENING BARBECUE** is a great alternative to using the oven or stove, which both generate heat on an already hot day. You can also use your microwave or toaster oven in place of the stove or oven.

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» news In Brief

» **PRODUCT** The Clorox Company of Canada recently launched Ultra Javex® Bleach by Clorox. Now, more than ever, Canadians are looking for environmentally-friendly options in the products

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ultra format asks consumers to use 25 per cent less product, which means fewer bottles will be used over time, therefore minimizing the environmental impact. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

workology



Salary figures, entry requirements, employee backgrounds and career aspirations suggest the multibillion-dollar gaming industry is maturing and battles hard for the best, a recent survey by Game Developers magazine suggests.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Nerds win out?

High school personas affect career: Study

Does your status in high school impact where you'll eventually be in the workforce?

As high school graduations approach, *Career Builder.com* asked over 6,000 full-time workers age 30 and older to categorize their high school persona, and then compared those personas in terms of job level, salary, industry and job satisfaction.

Categories included personas such as student government, athlete, geek, honour society, cheerleader, drama club, teacher's pet and class clown.

"Thirty-nine per cent of workers age 30 and older said their high school experience had an influence on the job they hold today," said Rosemary Haefner, vice-president of human resources at CareerBuilder. "While there

job contentment

» Contentment with career progress is more prevalent among teacher's pets and athletes while student government members and geeks showed the greatest dissatisfaction with their career progress.

are a variety of factors that determine one's career path, high school ... is essentially a stepping stone into a world of opportunity."

Comparing job levels, the study suggests that cheerleaders were more likely to hold a vice-president role. Those who were in student government and teacher's pets had the greatest number of workers serving in director/manager/team lead positions today (24 per cent). Teacher's pets also had the greatest number of workers holding ad-

ministrative/clerical positions (41 per cent).

Former honour society members, athletes and geeks were more drawn to-

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*CareerBuilder's vice-president of human resources
Rosemary Haefner*

annual salary of \$100,000 or more. Honour society members followed and then ath-

letes, geeks and class clowns.

Student government and honour society members and athletes ranked highest among those who earn an annual salary of \$50,000.

Teacher's pets were more likely to report earning less than \$35,000 per year.

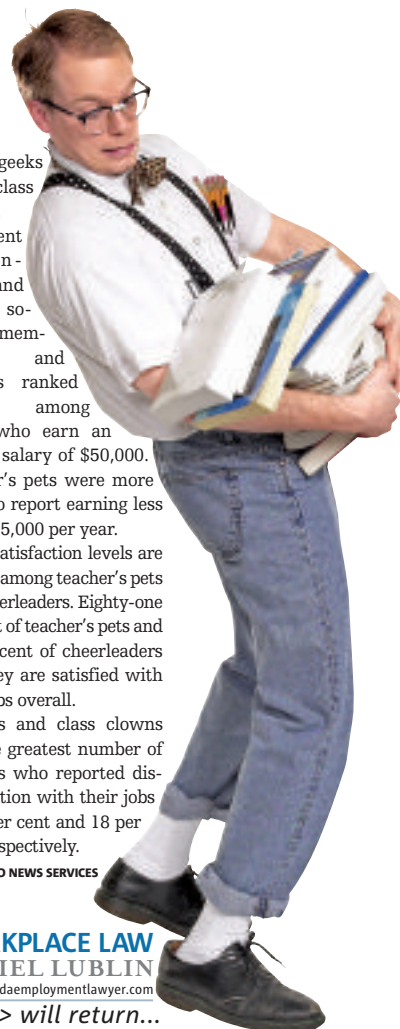
Job satisfaction levels are highest among teacher's pets and cheerleaders. Eighty-one per cent of teacher's pets and 76 per cent of cheerleaders said they are satisfied with their jobs overall.

Geeks and class clowns had the greatest number of workers who reported dissatisfaction with their jobs at 21 per cent and 18 per cent, respectively.

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Interview gaffes occur often

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOV**
for Metro Halifax

If you've ever embarrassed yourself at a job interview, you can take some solace in the fact that plenty of other people have done the same.

What's important is to learn from your mistakes so you can be better prepared the next time.

Lara Dodo, vice-president of administrative staffing firm OfficeTeam, has compiled a staggering collection of job interview blunder stories in her years helping people find work. She says most gaffes, big and small alike, boil down to a lack of common sense or simply poor judgment.

Cellphones are a frequent culprit, as users tend to lose their grip on sanity when

handling or dealing with them.

Once, Dodo says a candidate took a call on their cell phone during an interview — a call which was for another job interview happening later that day at a different company.

Other classic flubs involved interviewees confusing the company name with a competitor's or even mixing up

their own job backgrounds or having resumé embellishments revealed.

Unlike one person who Dodo says showed up in workout clothes, always dress conservatively even for positions, which may allow for casual attire.

"No interview is casual," Dodo said.

Above all, remember the age-old adage and don't shoot the messenger the front desk even — they are, after all, your gatekeeper into the job.

"Always be polite and professional to receptionists — research has shown that receptionists play a highly influential role in the hiring process. If you're rude, it won't reflect well," Dodo

Leaving your cellphone on is a common mistake for interviewees to make.

said.

A big cause for interview screw-ups is nervousness, Dodo says.

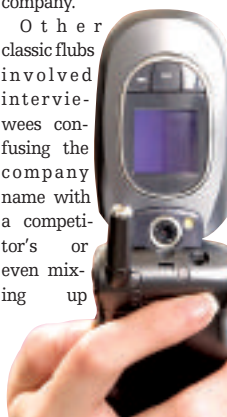
"Nerves can do some crazy thing to you. If the interview is at 11 o'clock, don't get there at 10:59. Give yourself time to relax. Be prepared and know what to expect in the interview," Dodo said.

If you do make a gaffe, show that you can fix it.

"If you are aware that you've made a mistake, apologize and correct yourself. Any problem that's handled gracefully may actually impress your interviewer," Dodo said.

In the worst cases, learn from your mistake, let it go, and tell your friends about it over drinks.

"And at least it'll make for a great story," Dodo said.



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Succeeding against all odds

Inspiration for Will Smith film regales city crowd

By JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Christopher Gardner's pursuit of happiness took him from living with his baby son on the streets of San Francisco, to a jet-set lifestyle travelling the world to share the secret of his workplace success.

Speaking at the Black Business Summit in Halifax last week, the man who wrote the book that became the Will Smith movie *The Pursuit of Happyness* quoted a mentor who told him it's not the MBAs who build great companies, it's the PSDs.

"That's poor, smart and with a deep desire to be wealthy," he told the sold-out room at Casino Nova Scotia.

Gardner said the movie was a fairly accurate representation of his life, with the exception that his son was not five when they slept in bus stations and on some days survived only on the money given to the boy by the "ladies of the night."

He was 14 months old.

"We were staying in 'ho'tels,'" Gardner said, as he went flat out to pursue his dream of making it as a stockbroker. The single parent wound up in jail after accumulating a mountain of unpaid parking tickets.

He was in prison for 10 days, held with rapists, arsonists and murderers. He finally got out and went straight to the Wall Street interview.



Christopher Gardner, the man who wrote the book that inspired the Will Smith movie, *The Pursuit of Happyness*, spoke at the Black Business Summit last week.

He started off doing for free the jobs no one else

wanted to do, then earned \$1,000 a month, then \$5,000. "That was the biggest, most obscene figure I could get out of my mouth."

Gardner neglected to state his current monthly rate, but as CEO of Gardner Rich & Company and author of a best-selling book, it's safe to say he's doing better than the days he owned two suits.

"One grey and one black. People'd say, 'Chris Gardner's re-enacting the Civil War,'" he said to laughs. He added with

a smile: "That sh—'s funny now. It wasn't funny then."

Gardner also dealt with his share of racism, though he prefers to call it "placism" — the problems some people have when others rise above their station.

He had one client with whom he only spoke by phone, and who told him every racist joke he knew. Gardner kept quiet, reasoning "sometimes it's okay to laugh all the way to the bank."

He made the man so much

money, earning himself a small fortune in the process, that the Texan flew out to meet him. One can imagine his shock at meeting the six-foot-plus black man he'd been cracking racist jokes with.

"I told him it's not a black thing, it's not a white thing. It's a green thing."

But all the money was a distant second to his greatest accomplishment. Gardner, who grew up in the same neighbourhood at the same time as Oprah Winfrey (though the two didn't meet until both had achieved global fame), said the highest praise he ever got came from his son.

Oprah asked his now grown-up son what he remembered about his early life on the streets, when his father sold his own blood so they could eat.

"Every time I looked up, my father was there," his son answered.

Gardner said for a man who never knew his own father, knowing he had broken the cycle of absent dads was his most treasured feat.

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Canadian Idol mentor, confidant and coach Jully Black, left, will perform at Casino Nova Scotia on Friday, Aug. 1. Tickets go on sale Wednesday at 11 a.m. Call Ticket Atlantic at 451-1221. METRO NEWS SERVICES

CBC tries out Live!

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

Ask Jonathan Torrens how he got involved in the CBC's new live-to-air show and he'll retort with another question.

"Do you want the long, alphabetized list of people who turned it down first?" asked the former host of *Jonovision* and *Trailer Park Boys* regular. "I was practically born at CBC Halifax."

Torrens will be the first host of *Live!* At 25:00, a variety show featuring music, comedy and art that will be filmed live at The Seahorse on Friday night. The one-hour pilot — it airs Saturday at 1 a.m. — will feature performances from David Myles and Erin Costello, comedy from local troupe *PicnicFace*, a "party trick" segment featuring local silly talents, and an on-the-spot photo competition.

"The fact it was live was a draw," said Torrens, who adds the series — if it is picked up — plans to rotate hosts every



Jonathan Torrens will be the first host of the new CBC show *Live!* At 25:00.

week like *Saturday Night Live*. "And frankly, the chance to do live TV these days are far and few between."

It was the unknown and energy of a live show that also appealed to CBC ex-

info box

» **What:** *Live!* At 25:00
» **Where:** The Seahorse
» **When:** Friday, 11 p.m.
» **Tickets:** \$10. At the door.

ecutive producer Geoff D'Eon.

"Live is where it is at, baby," he said. "If you are in television productions, live is the most fun you can have with your clothes on. Everyone's performance goes up. Everyone is excited, and everyone understands they have to do it right."

The show, he said, is not designed to just be a music or comedy program, but to move between both in a fast pace. Every second is meant to entertain.

D'Eon is also excited because there are very few variety programs left on TV that are taped live — a genre created in the early days of television.

"It is a pretty rare beast now," he said. "It is time to revive it, and our idea is to have a lot of fun."

» news In Brief



Theory of a Deadman

» **MUSIC** Pollstar — the concert listing website — is now reporting that Theory of a Deadman will perform on Citadel Hill on Aug. 23. Metro reported last week that Finger Eleven and Hedley will also perform an outdoor concert at the historical site on the same date. Confirmation is expected in a few days.

» **MUSIC** New Order and Joy Division bassist Peter Hook will perform in Halifax on June 30. The pre-Canada Show will see the Manchester-native perform at the Marquee Club. Since his time with the band, Hook has worked as a DJ around the world. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Visit www.ticketpro.ca.

» **MUSIC** Former teen heartthrob David Cassidy will be performing two shows at

Casino Nova Scotia this summer. The oldest Partridge Family boy, who had a huge hit with the song *I Think I Love You*, will perform on Aug. 22 and 23. Tickets are \$59 and go on sale at 11 a.m. today. Call Ticket Atlantic at 451-1221.

» **ART** The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia plans to shine some light on the city this summer with *Nocturne*. Tagged *Art At Night*, *Nocturne* will feature works of art presented free of charge to the public at locations throughout the city from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 18. Among those taking part so far are the AGNS, Argyle Fine Art, Viewpoint, Studio 21, Gallery Page and Strange, and the university art galleries. More information is available at www.nocturnehalifax.ca.

» **THEATRE** Neptune Theatre has announced the creation of The Trident Fund to improve the quality of productions and develop new artistic programs at the Argyle Street theatre. The fund is a long-term planning effort and includes a financial reserve for the theatre. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Fame bittersweet for Blondie

Band marks 30 years in spotlight

By KUMAR SAHA
for Metro Halifax

You could call it the curse of Blondie. Debbie Harry prefers "double-edged sword."

For the iconic front woman of the equally iconic band, more than three decades of being under the spotlight has been a little bittersweet.

"You are really proud of your success, you are proud of the things you've written and done, yet it sort of haunts you in a way," says the 62-year-old grand dame of '70s New Wave glitterati.

Success rarely gets much bigger than Blondie's 1978 opus *Parallel Lines*, a rock

milestone which not only spawned uber hits such as *Heart of Glass* and *One Way Or Another* but also helped make New York's underground DIY sounds a household phenomenon.

"It really changed what was being played on radio in the (United) States and opened up a whole new era of more modern music. Up until that time most of the music had been more country-rock, blues-directed kind. This was more urban ... slightly more sophisticated, punky sound," Harry says.

Blondie is currently on a North American tour to mark the 30th birthday of *Parallel Lines*. An expanded anniversary edition of the album, featuring

Debbie Harry, lead singer of Blondie, is currently on a North American tour with her band.

four bonus tracks and a DVD of three music videos and a BBC *Top Of The Pops* performance, is due June 24.

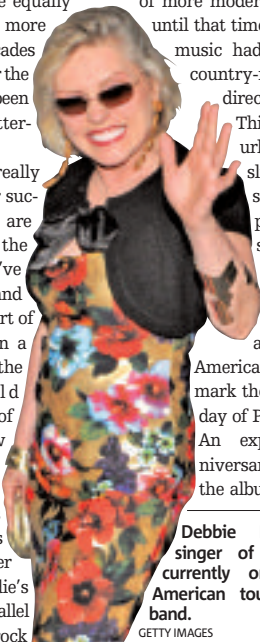
Harry admits that keeping a bunch of songs, whose influence is only matched by their ubiquity, relevant and evolving is a constant challenge for the band, which now includes only two other original members, guitarist Chris Stein and drummer Clem Burke.

"The trick is to not just stand there like a robot, the trick is to make it come alive for the audience and the band," she says.

"We have played the material for a long time and that could get a little bit stale. We're gonna try to freshen up the feel and give it a new slant, a fresh coat of paint."

Although there is no specific plan for the future or a new Blondie album, Harry has been working with Stein on a few tracks.

"I don't know exactly what we're going to do with them. We're talking about putting little samples of the stuff that we've been working on on the Internet," she says, adding that the band is currently without a label.



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TODAY'S COUNTRY



R&B singer Janet Jackson is set to star in an upcoming reality TV series for MTV. The project will follow Jackson, left, as she mentors a group of aspiring singers and dancers in search of the next pop superstar through unconventional means.

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Fixing Canada's top bedroom problem

Come on, this one's a no brainer — careful planning will transform your slumber zone into a calming, special sanctuary. Yup, a well-crafted boudoir should be a relaxing retreat and an escape from the outside world.

But as we often say, "To fail to plan is to plan to fail." Many bedrooms, in reality, are crazy obstacle courses of piled-up laundry, mismatched furniture and saggy past-the-sell-by-date mattresses.

The biggest Canadian bedroom problem is multitasking, which is to say, asking too much of too small a space.

So that means no ironing boards, no exercise bikes and definitely no



COLIN & JUSTIN'S INTERIOR DIVINE

computers stashed in a corner. Remember — it's a bedroom, after all, not a home office or gym.

The main event in any slumber zone is the bed and, because it's the largest feature, it identifies your space. In much the same way as a painted or papered feature wall will provide personality, so too will a well-dressed bed provide visual punch.

It's so worth taking all this into account when shopping for a new bed — or bed linen — so make



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Colin & Justin say Gluckstein Home bedding at the Bay is "awesome value." Above, Percidio bed linens from Gluckstein Home's Steel collection. See more bedding options at www.glucksteinhome.com.

sure you have a plan. Remember the aforementioned caution.

One third of your life, after all, is spent tucked in, so invest in a good quality mattress and treat yourself

to the best pillows and dressings you can find. Brian Gluckstein's range at the Bay is awesome value, so wander in for inspiration.

Ask yourself this ques-

banishing bedroom blues

Turn your nightmare bedroom into a heavenly haven by following these simple tips:

- » Make your bed a tactile feast by mixing satin with cool cotton and topping the lot with a luxurious silky throw.
- » Satisfy your sense of smell with relaxing scented candles or some good old fashioned fresh air. During warmer months, air out your bedroom for at least half an hour each day.
- » Make sure bedrooms are cosy and restful. Avoid bright colours like vivid orange and zesty yellow as they won't induce sleep.
- » Turn your mattress every week to make it last longer

and spread wear and tear.

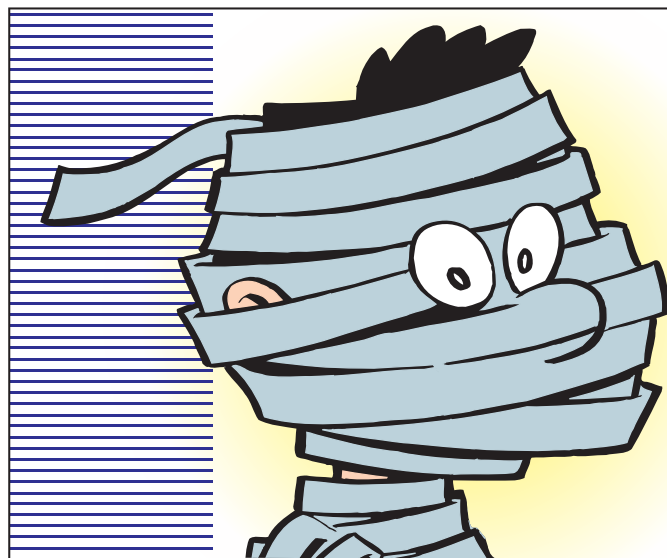
- » Don't overfill closets — lose the things you no longer wear. And seasonally adjust as the climate changes. Vacuum-pack winter garb until the mercury descends.
- » Position your bed diagonally opposite the entrance door on the largest unbroken wall and make that your feature wall.
- » Opt for warm flooring such as wood or carpet, and avoid ceramic tile, marble or granite. There's nothing worse, after all, than getting out of bed and stepping onto a cold floor.

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NBC News has selected former anchor Tom Brokaw, right, to moderate Meet The Press through the 2008 U.S. election season. Tim Russert, the longtime host of the program, died suddenly of a heart attack on June 13. REUTERS



weekend box office

» Estimated weekend sales at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

- » 1. *Get Smart*, \$39.2 million U.S.
- » 2. *Kung Fu Panda*, \$21.7 million.
- » 3. *The Incredible Hulk*, \$21.6 million.
- » 4. *The Love Guru*, \$14 million
- » 5. *The Happening*, \$10 million
- » 6. *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, \$8.4 million
- » 7. *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*, \$7.2 million
- » 8. *Sex and the City*, \$6.5 million
- » 9. *Iron Man*, \$4 million
- » 10. *The Strangers*, \$1.9 million

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awards

Ellen, Ray share Emmy spotlight

DAYTIME TV Comedian Ellen DeGeneres and cooking-lifestyle guru Rachael Ray shared the Daytime Emmy spotlight Friday as they split U.S. television's top two awards for entertainment talks shows. Although her program lost out to Ray for best talk show, DeGeneres pulled off a triumph for a fourth straight year as best talk show host. Jeanne Cooper, the grand dame of America's longtime No. 1 soap opera, was named best lead actress in a drama series for her 35-year role as Katherine Chancellor on *The Young and the Restless* show.

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television

Jim Carrey to produce series

ON BOARD HBO is in need of some new original series, and Jim Carrey may have the answer. The comic actor is on board to co-create and executive produce a half-hour series that's a throwback to his early days on the L.A. standup circuit. *EW.com* reports. Comedian Lisa Lampanelli will star in the project.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

CBC finally gets it right

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

Air India 182, which aired last night on CBC, puts me in the rare position of not only recommending a CBC production that isn't *Dragon's Den*, but insisting that you make time to catch the film when it re-aired.

CBC viewership figures, much as they might be spun to make it look like the national broadcaster is constantly on the verge of recovering its profile among viewers, suggest nonetheless that anything that airs on the network stands a worse chance of being seen by the average Canadian than a Simpsons re-run.

If a kind of Pavlovian aversion to CBC programming should prevent any-



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one from seeing Sturla Gunnarsson's dramatized recreation of the 1985 bombing of an Air India jumbo jet en route from Canada to England, it would be a shame, since this is exactly the sort of project the CBC should be commissioning, not occasionally but almost monthly, in a better world.

Gunnarsson is the director who made the far bet-

ter movie version of Beowulf — the one that cost a fraction of Robert Zemeckis' recent heavily hyped travesty, with its embarrassing video game digital sheen.

His retelling of the Air India 182 story borrows a few formal touches from Paul Greengrass' *United 93*, but paces itself more gravely, as if in responding to the passage of time in which the tragedy has resonated.

Time flashes back and forth in the first half of the film, as the events leading up to the bombing come into focus, and then seems to blow apart in slow motion in the aftermath of the disappearance of the plane over the North Atlantic. We're al-

lowed to understand how hard it would have been to prevent the bombing with what information the RCMP had up till this point — in situations like this, hindsight is inevitably all too clear — while the underfunding and bureaucratic blunders of the country's intelligence services make their appearance on cue; a multheaded CSIS policy of erasing wiretaps after having them transcribed would lead to two key suspects in the plot by Sikh extremists being acquitted.

Even while it was happening, the events surrounding Air India 182 often seemed confusing, and there was an unfortunate tendency to treat it as

an internal dispute within the Indian and Sikh communities — typified by then-Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's puzzling apology to the Indian government, but not the families of Canadians who actually died in the bombing. Gunnarsson somehow manages to make it all clear, without swamping the film in details and lessening the still-raw emotional trauma that marks those left behind.

Air India 182 re-aired next Sunday at 10 p.m. on CBC Newsworld, and deserves a few more airings and a decent life on DVD, if only to give the network a prominent model for how to fulfill its mandate.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

critics' corner

Degrassi: The Next Generation

Jefferson Starship? Nope. Wrong generation. In the season finale, "We Built This City," Liberty and Damian (Sarah Barrable-Tishauer, Mazin Elsadig) can't fight their attraction any longer and finally lock lips at the prom. When Emma and Toby (Miriam McDonald, Jake Goldsbie) find out, all heck breaks loose. Singer Natasha Bedingfield guest stars. 7:30 PM on CJCH



West Side Story

A musical about street gangs — imagine trying that today. ("When you're a Crip, you're a Crip all the way...") But 1961 was a more innocent time. You know the story and the songs, and you probably remember Natalie Wood as the lovely Maria, whose romance with handsome Tony (Richard Beymer) is doomed because he's Anglo and she's Puerto Rican. Their romance intensifies the rivalry between two New York street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks. 9 PM on BRVO

Mantracker

So musician Jesse Tomes learned how to survive in the wild, and wrestler Nathan McGuire has nice pecs. Jesse is relying on Nathan's brute strength, while Nathan is counting on Jesse's aboriginal know-how to avoid tracker Terry Grant. Which all adds up to a mental picture of Nate carrying Jesse on his back while Jesse points out potential hiding spots. 10 PM on OLN

Taken

Steven Spielberg returns to "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" turf as executive producer of this 10-part alien-abduction miniseries from 2002. Three families have extraterrestrial encounters from the Second World War to the present. The stars of Part 1 — "Beyond the Skies" — set in 1947 — include Steve Burton ("General Hospital") and Catherine Dent ("The Shield"). 10 PM on SPACE

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Celebrity Buzz



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Amy dead in three months?

Father's concern: Amy Winehouse's father Mitch says the Grammy-winning singer is suffering from emphysema and he fears she could be "dead in three months," *usmagazine.com* reports.

"The doctors have told her if she goes back to smoking drugs it won't just ruin her voice, it will kill her," he told UK newspaper the Daily Mail.

Winehouse, 24, was taken to the hospital last week for tests after she fainted at home in London.

"With smoking the crack cocaine and the cigarettes her lungs are all gunked up," Mitch said. "There are nodules around the chest and dark marks. She's got 70 percent lung capacity."

If she doesn't get treatment, she could need an oxygen mask to breathe, Mitch told the Daily Mail.

"The doctors have said that if she had continued the way she was going she could have ended up an invalid — she wouldn't have been able to breathe," he added. "If drugs mean more to her than breathing properly, then so be it."

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Woody sued for alleged photog smackdown

LAWSUIT Photographer Josh Levine sued Woody Harrelson for \$2.5 million Friday, claiming Harrelson injured him both physically and emotionally when he roughed him up two years ago outside a Hollywood club, *E!* News Online reports, per the Los Angeles Times. The video Levine shot at the time shows the star breaking Levine's camera, choking him and shoving the camera into his ribs, the complaint alleges.



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Celebrity brief

POLL Red Hot Chili Peppers frontman Anthony Kiedis and British pop star Leona Lewis have been voted the world's Sexiest Vegetarians, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

Tens of thousands of animal lovers voted the pair into the top spots as part of an annual search for veggie vamps and vixens on website *Peta.org*.

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Naomi alleges racial slur

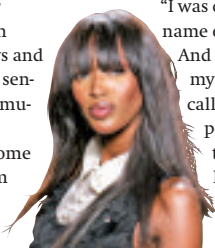
ALTERCATION Naomi Campbell pleaded guilty Friday to assaulting police officers after a mid-air disturbance on British Airways and was fined and sentenced to community service.

But here's some backstory from Britain's Sky News (via

gossip guy Perez). Yes, Naomi admits she was wrong, but she has more to say about why she went off, *E!* News Online reports:

"I was called a racial name on that flight. And that was part of my reaction. ... I was called a golliwog supermodel, I don't think that's really fair, do you?"

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DIVORCE Former model Christie Brinkley has reportedly asked for her divorce from Peter Cook to be made public — to expose his

alleged infidelity and habit of trawling online for women and porn, *imdb.com* reports.

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Revenge best served as a song

DUMPED Former Spice Girl Melanie Brown is getting her revenge on ex-partner Eddie Murphy — by penning a song about him for her upcoming album, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The singer was dumped by

the actor on TV while she was pregnant with his child last year. But Brown has been hitting the studio to get her own back. She tells Britain's *New!* magazine, "The working title is Beverly Hills C**k, because that's what he is."

"He never bothers with his daughter. I mean, what kind of man is that?"

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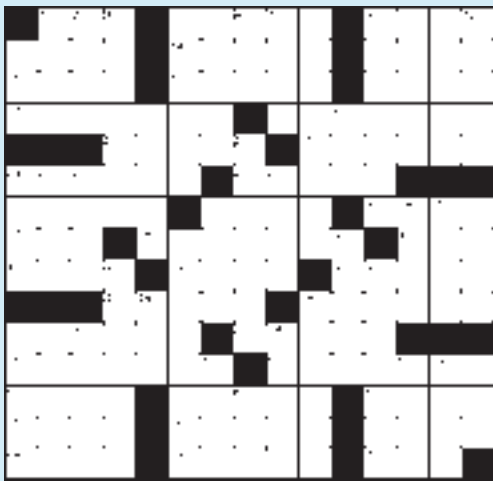
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down»

- 1 Prado hanging
- 2 Blissful spot
- 3 Pasta dish
- 4 Japanese pooches
- 5 Istanbul moolah
- 6 "— we there yet?"
- 7 Helena's loc.
- 8 Make too much of
- 9 Like new
- 10 Defeat in competition
- 11 Rural sight
- 12 Honored
- 13 Jiffy
- 20 Ski run
- 22 Boathouse item
- 24 Most nimble
- 26 Tree trunk
- 27 Apartment
- 28 Wonder Woman's friend
- 30 Lampreys
- 32 Not genuine
- 34 Pro votes
- 35 Swing a scythe
- 36 Berets with pom-poms
- 39 Most jolly
- 40 Broad valleys
- 43 Multiplex
- 46 More delicious
- 48 Hoop site
- 49 Salespeople
- 50 "Things Fall —" (Achebe novel)
- 51 Small openings
- 52 Preferred strategy (2 wds.)
- 54 NBA's Shaquille
- 56 Calculator key
- 58 This senora
- 59 Actor Richard —
- 60 Golly!
- 63 PC key

across»

- 1 Hair goop
- 4 San Antonio landmark
- 9 Lion's mane
- 13 — fountain
- 14 Bolshoi rival
- 15 "En garde" weapon
- 16 Gazes at
- 17 Peace goddess
- 18 Made crooked
- 19 1950s card game
- 21 Drub
- 23 Crystal
- 25 Plundered
- 26 — Aires
- 29 Diver's find
- 31 Tavern sign (2 wds.)
- 32 Worry too much
- 33 Not sweet
- 37 Kindled
- 38 Clicked "send" (hyph.)
- 41 Stadium cry
- 42 Coup d'—
- 44 Is very thrifty
- 45 Varsity (hyph.)
- 47 Toast starter
- 49 Barrettes
- 50 Come into view
- 53 Painted metals
- 55 North Star
- 57 Savings (2 wds.)
- 61 What Hamlet smelled (2 wds.)
- 62 Fluffy quilt
- 64 Um-hmm (2 wds.)
- 65 Magritte's name
- 66 Creep about
- 67 French I verb
- 68 Russian emperor
- 69 Blows the whistle
- 70 "Norma —"

previous answer



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Terry Stickels

What are the preferred plurals of the following words?

1. Die
2. Parenthesis
3. Radius
4. Moose
5. Mongoose
6. Cherub
7. Tempo (besides tempo)
8. Chaos

PREVIOUS ANSWER

1. Dies and Radii
2. Parentheses
3. Radii
4. Moose
5. Mongooses
6. Cherubs
7. Tempos
8. Chaoses

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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
17-21
21-25
More than 25

Genius
Scholar
Smart
Pretty good
Keep practising

previous answer

8	7	6	1	9	3	5	2	4
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6	9	8	2	7	1	3	4	5
7	4	1	5	3	8	9	6	2

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

You'll have privileges in your community. A broken band needs replacement or repair. A desired reunion is becoming a certainty.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

It'll work out well when someone makes a move. The image of success will become understandable. Being obnoxious will defeat you.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Money becomes an issue with a friend. You'll surprise yourself with your regrets. Strange information may cause insecurity to arise.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A twist of fate can lead to a blazing debate. A mentor's idea flashes with insights. Relaxing moments can be enjoyed, later.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Be kind-hearted enough to step in to mediate. A deceitful person will be caught. A friend's relationship is at a high point.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Take back a derogatory comment. Avoid being careless around equipment. Flattery will get you somewhere in a hurry.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Doubt will arise because of someone's bad behaviour. Try not to be smug. Go shopping with someone who makes you laugh.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

The reason things won't work out is obvious. Pride will get in the way of success. Rumours about a love affair have upset people.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Making fun of someone will be a bad idea. Don't work too hard trying to lighten things up. Don't avoid answering questions.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

The way you get around will be reviewed. Be resigned to waiting for a disgraceful person. A profit is made from a durable venture.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Your energy level will increase. Restrain your temper and your goals will be fulfilled. Don't waste any time worrying about problems.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your capacity to astound others will be noted. Commit yourself to a positive course of action. A friend needs help finding work. AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

June 23, 1985: A terrorist bomb aboard Air India flight 182 brings the Boeing 747 down off the coast of Ireland killing all 329 people aboard, including 280 Canadians.

newly defeated Paris in now occupied France.

June 23, 1887: The Rocky Mountains Park Act becomes law in Canada, creating the nation's first national park, Banff National Park.

June 23, 1940: German leader Adolf Hitler surveys

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Halifax weather

Afternoon



Showers.
19°

Tonight



Cloudy.
13°

Tuesday



Variable.
23°/15°

Wednesday



Sunny.
22°/15°



Thursday



Partly cloudy.
23°/13°

Temperature

Normals
High: 19.9°
Low: 10.5°

Records
High: 33°/1983
Low: 5.9°/1984

Sunrise: 5:29 a.m.
Sunset: 9:03 p.m.
Moon does not rise
Moonset: 10:10 a.m.

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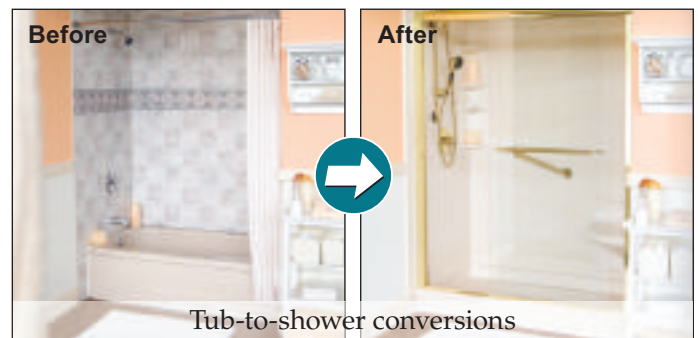
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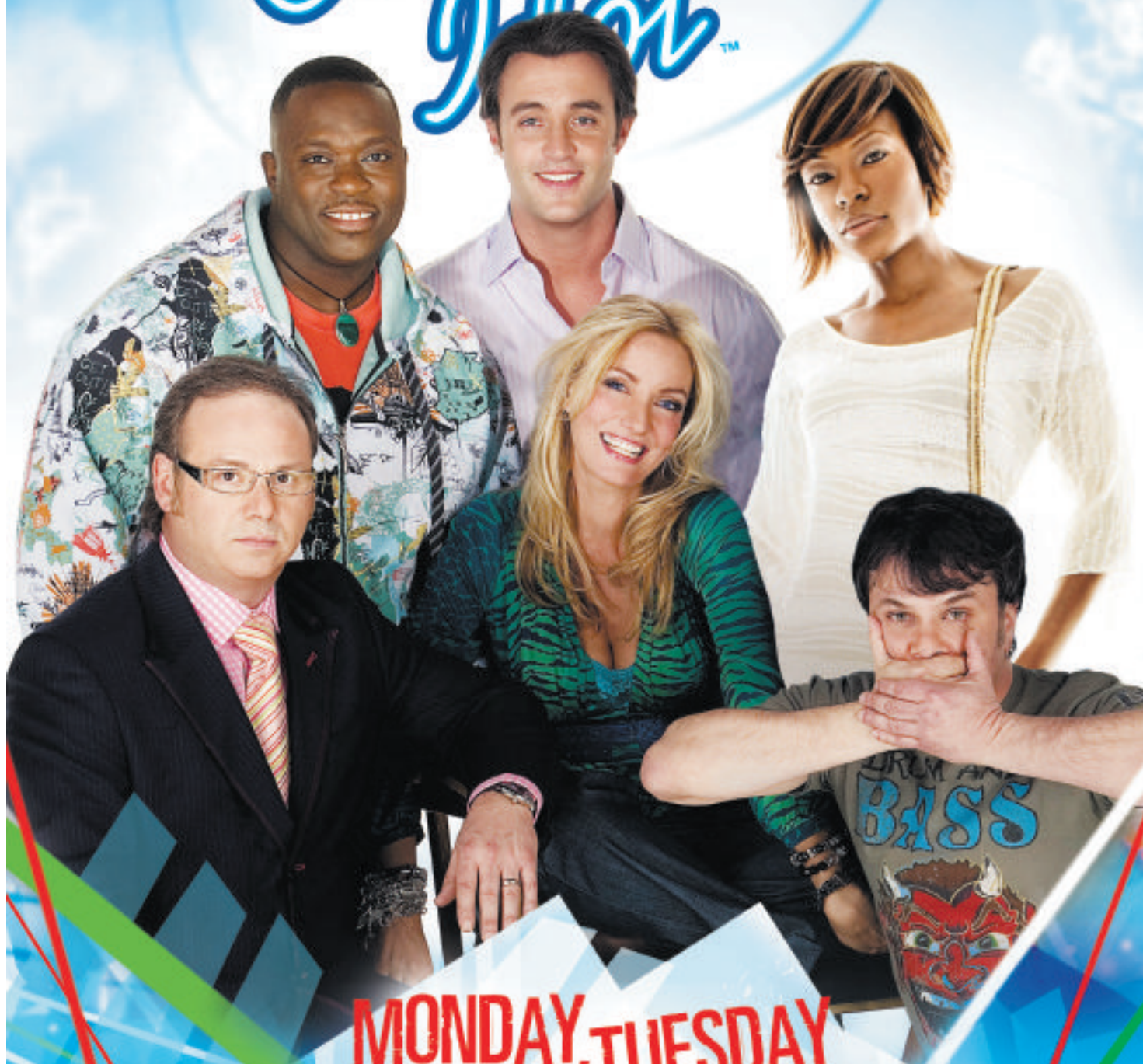
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